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**Special General Board Meeting Agenda**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89206524158>**

**Meeting ID: 892 0652 4158**

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**7:00 PM**

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**This meeting is being held by the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council using teleconferencing pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8(a)(2)(B).**

- 1. Call to Order, Welcome** - Lydia Grant, President
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. STNC President's Updates**

- A. Land Use Committee Vacant Seats
- B. Van Nuys City Hall open for City Council meetings every other month on first Fridays - see <https://clerk.lacity.gov/calendar>
- C. Status of STNC Board approved Light Pole Banners - We are waiting for Councilwoman Rodriguez to provide her support. Sites already identified.

**4. Roll Call, Voting Eligibility - Karen Moran, Recording Secretary**

- A. Completion of City / DONE Required trainings status for the STNC board
- B. Announce any Board member recusals or paid lobbyists in attendance

**5. Discussion/Q&A with LAPD, Elected Officials/Representatives, DONE, NC Budget Advocates, City Departments (2 min per Representative including Q&A)**

- Budget Advocates Report - Region 1 - <https://www.budgetadvocates.org/reports>

**6. Motion: To fill the Vice President Outreach vacancy: Ross Herman**

**7. INFORMATION / UPDATES: Pending Land Use Committee projects:**

- 6456 W. Olcott St. (Parcel Map Application Case No. AA-2020-3222-PMLA) - Presentation will be held on 3-18-24 with Steven J. Reyes, MPP | Principal Planner | Blue Oak Planning
- Machrea @ Howard Finn Park vicinity proposal for 7 small lot subdivision - no updates except improvements are being made to the existing residence.
- Other

**8. DISCUSSION/ACTION: Motion to approve STNC letter to City Council & Budget & Innovation Committee regarding the 2024-25 DONE budget.**

8. Discussion/Action: Status on future STNC meetings in person and/or on Zoom including DONE and City Clerk response to Locations, Hybrid and latest on SB411 (Portantino).

9. Discussion/Action: Does STNC have any Bylaws changes ? Deadline to submit to DONE is 4-1-24.

**10. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (FUNDING)** - Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. Any Board member or stakeholder may request that an item be removed. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will go to the end of New Business and be considered as time allows. MOTION: The STNC Board approves the funding consent calendar:

**[Budget Committee approved 3-6-24]**

A. **Discussion/Action:** Approve February 2024 MER

B. Discussion/Action to approve up to \$500 for Land Use Committee postage and mailers.

C. Discussion/Action to approve up to \$300 for outreach at Sunland Park Easter Egg event for candy and misc. supplies [Outreach]

D. Discussion/Action to approve \$30 to the Webcorner for Domain name renewal - once a year expense. [Office]

**11. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS (NON-FUNDING)** - Note: Consent calendar items are considered to be non-controversial and will be treated as one agenda item. Any Board member or stakeholder may request that an item be removed. There will be no discussion of these items unless an item is

removed from the consent calendar, in which case it will go to the end of New Business and be considered as time allows. **MOTION:** The STNC Board approves the non-funding consent calendar:

- A. Discussion/Action: Approve February 2024 STNC Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Discussion/Action: Approve letter of support for Mt. Gleason Middle School for Speed Humps on Mt. Gleason Avenue between Wentworth and Plainview on Mt. Gleason Ave.
- C. Discussion/Action: Opposition to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guideline Section 15064.7(b), the Department of City Planning (Department) is considering adopting updated thresholds of significance and methodologies to analyze impacts: 1) for construction noise and vibration, and 2) to historic resources. [Written comments or questions may be submitted by email to [mindy.nguyen@lacity.org](mailto:mindy.nguyen@lacity.org). Any updated guidance would be publicly available on the Department's website [planning.lacity.org/project-review/environmental-resources](https://planning.lacity.org/project-review/environmental-resources).]
- D. Discussion/Action: Motion of Support/Non Support for Council File 24-0002-S1 AB 817 (Pacheco) / Advisory Bodies / Teleconference Meetings / Ralph M. Brown Act Amendment (Blumenfield – Hernandez -Krekorian): Introduced February 13, 2024 and referred to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Resolution is requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2024-2025 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 817 (Pacheco) that would amend the Ralph M. Brown Act to authorize the Los Angeles City Council and other legal legislative bodies to permit subsidiary, purely advisory bodies to meet by teleconference, subject to provisions for public participation.
- E. Discussion/Action: Motion of Support/Non Support for Council File 24-0113, Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Program / Medical Treatment / Private Veterinarian / Severely Injured, Abused, Neglected Animals (Mayor): Introduced February 1, 2024 and referred to Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment Committee. Department of Animal Services report is relative to the status of the Special Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Program and request to transfer funds within the Animal Welfare Trust Fund to pay anticipated STAR Program invoices.
- F. Discussion/Action: Motion of Support/Non Support for Council File 23-0002-S99, SB 915 (Cortese) / The Autonomous Vehicle Service Deployment and Data Transparency Act / Local Control (Hernandez – Hutt –McOsker – Raman – Rodriguez – Soto-Martinez - Krekorian): Introduced February 2, 2024 and referred to Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. Resolution is requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Bill 915, “The Autonomous Vehicle Service Deployment and Data Transparency Act”, which would prioritize local control in the decision to deploy autonomous vehicle services.
- G. Discussion/Action: Motion of Support/Non Support for CF 23-0002-s100 which is City Council Support for AB 1990 This bill (AB 1990) would authorize a peace officer to make a warrantless arrest for a misdemeanor shoplifting offense not committed in the officer's presence if the officer has probable cause to believe that person has committed shoplifting. Existing law requires a peace officer to release upon a signed promise to appear any person arrested for a misdemeanor, unless the person demands to be taken before a magistrate. Existing law provides certain reasons a person arrested for a misdemeanor shall not be released including that the person is intoxicated or in need of medical attention, the person is unable to provide

satisfactory proof of identification, or there are outstanding arrest warrants for the person. Additionally, existing law exempts from this provision persons arrest for specified crimes including domestic violence, stalking, threatening a witness, and, until January 1, 2026, organized retail theft. This bill would additionally exempt a person arrested for shoplifting from the requirement that they be released on citation.

- H. Motion of support/non support: The following letter to be sent to the Los Angeles Department of Transportation: Whereas the Parking Enforcement call-in line menu options are too many for expeditious service in regards to reporting parking violations, as the Parking Enforcement dispatch is dealing with people reporting malfunctioning traffic signals, parking violations, requesting traffic control and locating impounded vehicles, there can be a very long wait depending on the day and time therefore, the Sunland Tujunga Neighborhood Council requests that: 1) the Los Angeles Department of Transportation simplify the call-in for Parking Enforcement requests to a specific line for Parking Enforcement only, without other service options in the same call waiting queue; and 2) more Parking Enforcement officers be hired.
- I. Motion to appoint Ross Herman to the CIGA [Community Improvement & Government Affairs Committee].
- J. Discussion/Action to submit comments to CF 23-0133-S1 regarding the DONE citywide street banner program.

12. Discussion/Action: Motion of support/non support/recommendations for Council File 23-1027 Charter Reform / Commission Creation / Periodic Review / Organizational Infrastructure / Strategic Policies as it relates to the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

13. **Committee & Liaison Reports - by committee chairs present** *(See last page for committee members and meeting locations):*

- Community Improvement & Government Affairs: TBA
- Outreach: @ 7pm
- Beautification: @ 6pm
- STAT: @ 6pm
- STARC: @ 7:30pm @ McGroarty Art Center
- Youth & Adult Education: TBA
- Budget & Finance: @ 6pm
- Executive: @ 6:45pm

14. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** - Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to one minute per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

15. **PRESENTATION & TRAINING on the Neighborhood Council (NC) System**

A. Bylaws, Standing Rules, BONC Policies, Brown Act (Meeting Agenda Posting, ENS)

B. NC Meetings: Agenda Items, Presenters, Meeting Agendas, Making Motions, Community Impact Statements

C. NC Alliances (Valley Alliance of Neighborhood Councils - VANC meets 2nd Thursday on Zoom; LANCC meets 1st Saturday at 10am; PlanCheckNC meets 2nd Saturday at 10am, STNC Community Events/Meetings, Other Training Opportunities

## 15. FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 16. ADJOURN

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